

## STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

**re : Notice of a Privilege Motion against the Minister of State for Small Scale Industries.**

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) —Madam Speaker, the other day I promised to make a statement on the privilege motion tabled by the Hon. Leader of Opposition. With your permission I would like to make that statement now. This relates to the notice of a privilege motion against the Minister of State for Small Scale Industries.

The Minister has already explained in his statement that how he had not acted as Managing Director, that how it is not incorrect, and that how the said statement was not intended to mislead the House.

I got the matter verified with reference to the records.

I have ascertained :

That no files have been destroyed, no cheques have been issued by the Minister and no permits have been issued by him.

59 files of the Corporation were requisitional and obtained by the Minister, for verification. 9 files were requisitioned and obtained by the Commissioner for Industries also for verification. In all 68 files have been obtained from the Office of the Corporation. All of them are in tact and available. The allegation that the files have been destroyed is therefore incorrect.

Between 5th March 1974 and 18th March 1974, when the Managing Director was away, on tour abroad, the Minister has not issued any cheques nor has he issued any permits. As already stated by the Minister, the Corporation does not issue any permits. The permits are issued by the Office of the Director of Industries and Commerce and the Corporation only releases material against them when they are presented. The Minister has not countersigned any bill either.

From the time the Minister became the Chairman on 29th December 1973 *vide* Government Order dated 17th January 1974 till today, the Minister has dealt with 188 files of the Corporation as per diary maintained in the Minister's office. Apart from these, it is ascertained that the officers of the Corporation bring many files in person and obtain his orders. This was already explained by the Minister, in the usual course. After the Minister became the Chairman, he wanted to acquaint himself with the actual working of the Corporation. Hence he requested the Managing Director to send the files dealt with by him. Accordingly, the Managing Director has been submitting files to the Minister even prior to 5th March 1974. Even subsequent to 18th March 1974 also, and up to date, such files are being submitted to the Minister as Chairman and he has been dealing with them. All this clearly indicates that submission of files relating to matters within

the powers of the Managing Director to the Minister as Chairman is the practice that is being followed by the Corporation after the Minister became the Chairman. There was thus nothing special about similar submission of similar files to the Minister between 5th March 1974 and 18th March 1974. These files came to him in the usual course of business. His dealing with the said files, therefore, cannot be construed as acting as Managing Director during the period referred to above viz., 5th March 1974 to 18th March 1974. He dealt with them in his capacity as the Chairman as before and only under that belief. It was in these circumstances that the Minister made the statement in question.

As already explained by the Minister, he could not legally function as Managing Director. From what is stated above it is clear that factually also he has not acted as the Managing Director, his attending to some files being in the usual course of business.

In the circumstances, I submit that it cannot be said that the Minister made an incorrect or misleading statement, in this Honourable House.

**ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವಗೌಡ.**—ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯ ಕಾಫಿಯನ್ನು ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಕಳಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು, ಇದನ್ನು ತಾವು ನಾಳೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು, ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಮತ್ತು ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಬಹಳ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದೆ. ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಗಳ ಕಾಫಿಯನ್ನು ನನಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ನಾಳೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

**ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಯ್ಯ.**—ಈ ಮನೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲ ನದಸ್ಯರಿಗೂ ಆ ಕಾಫಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಒದಗಿಸಿದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು.

**ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.**—ಅದು ನಾಳೆಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ.

**ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಯ್ಯ.**—ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಓದಿ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು. ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಹಾಯವಾಗಿ ಜಮೀನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲರಬಹುದು.

**ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.**—ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಕಾಫಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು, ಉಳಿದವರಿಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಕೊಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ? ನಾಳೆ ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಮುಗಿಸಬೇಕು.

### Karnataka Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution and Water Rate) (Amendment) Bill, 1974.

*Motion to Consider (Debate Continued)*

† **ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ (ನಾಗರ).**—ಬೆಟರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕಾಂಟ್ರಿಬ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಂದಿರುವ ಮಸೂದೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಬೆಟರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಲೇವಿ ಅಥವಾ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಹಾಕ ಬಾರದೆಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಯಾರೂ ಹೊಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾರಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹೊಂದುವ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಾಗಬೇಕಾದುದು ನೂಕ. ಮತ್ತು ಆ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಅದರಿಂದಾಗುವ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೇವಲ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೀಮಿತವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ನೀರು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಲಾಭವಾಗಬಹುದು, ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಸಂಪತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚುತ್ತದೆ, ಅದೇ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದೇಶದ